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POLICY

Mr. William J. Casey
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

On the evening of January 14 and during the 15th, the Defense Department will sponsor a conference at the National Defense University on "Low-Intensity Warfare."

Cap will give the keynote speech at the dinner; George Shultz will give the luncheon talk; Jeane Kirkpatrick agreed to talk on the Soviet role, and we have Ted Koppel chair a panel on U.S. domestic aspects. The conference will be on-the-record with media present. An agenda is attached.

The idea of the conference is to raise the awareness in Congress and the public about the importance of "small-scale" warfare in many regions with the Soviets or their surrogates supporting one side. In such cases as El Salvador or Thailand, the U.S. is providing security assistance; in such cases as Nicaragua, we seek to help the freedom fighters.

There will be over 100 invitees, mostly governmental and private experts on counterterrorism, special operations, and related military subjects. People from your agency have been invited. I wanted you to be fully informed about the purpose and thrust of this conference, and if you have any concerns, we can talk about them when I see you on Thursday, 2 January.
Monday

I hope your schedule will permit you to attend the dinner on 14 January; you will be receiving a formal invitation from Cap.

Sincerely,

Fred C. Ikle

Attachment

LOW-INTENSITY WARFARE CONFERENCE
14-15 January 1986

14 January

1730 - Registration/Cocktails at Fort McNair Officers' Club

1900 - Opening Banquet

Speaker: Secretary of Defense

Topic: "U.S. Military Power in Low-Intensity Warfare"

15 January

0830 - Coffee and Doughnuts at Eisenhower Hall

0900 - Opening Remarks: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
at Baruch Auditorium

0915 - Speaker Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick

Topic: "The Role of the Soviet Union in Low-Intensity
Warfare"

0945 - Session 1

Speaker and Moderator: General Paul Gorman (Ret)

Topic: "Low-Intensity Warfare: Threat and Military Response"

Discussants: Gen. John Galvin, Dr. Sam Sarkesian,

Dr. William Taylor, and Dr. Charles Wolf

1215 - Luncheon at Fort McNair Officers' Club

Speaker: Secretary of State

Topic: "Non-Military Dimensions of Low-Intensity Warfare"

1400 - Session 2

Speaker and Moderator: Mr. Ted Koppel

Topic: "Domestic Political Considerations in Low-Intensity
Warfare"

Discussants: Sen. Jeremiah Denton, Rep. Dan Daniel,
Rep. Earl Hutto, Rep. Jack Murtha

1515 - Session 3

Speaker: Sir Robert Thompson

Topic: "Civic Action in Low-Intensity Warfare"

Discussant and Moderator: Mr. Brian Jenkins

Discussants: Ambassador Ernest Rivas and Mr. William Doherty

1645 - Summation Session

Conclusions: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy:
"Implications for U.S. Defense Policy"

1730 - No Host Cocktail Party at Fort McNair Officers' Club

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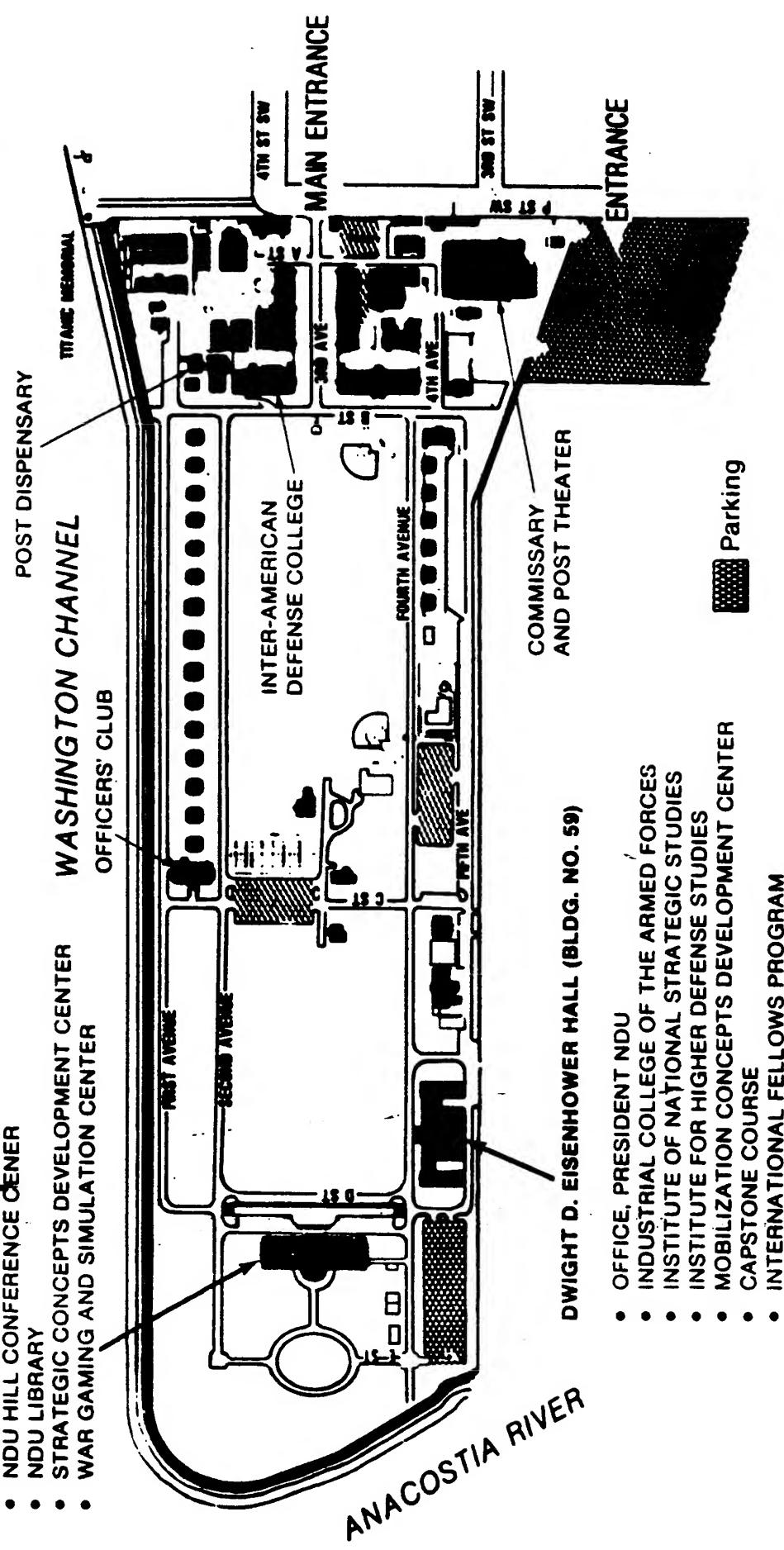
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